Details of your submission

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

As a long term resident of Westleigh, I disagree with the proposal to transfer Westleigh to the electoral district of Wahroonga (previously Kuringai).

Westleigh has a natural affinity with the Hornsby district and it acts as a suburb to the town of Hornsby. Westleigh residents use Hornsby for shopping, medical and professional services as well as being serviced by the Hornsby Shire Council.
Road systems make Hornsby convenient and a number of our popular bushwalking tracks lead through to Hornsby town or its suburbs; for us, a short walk away. Our local bus service takes us to Hornsby.

Pennant Hills Road acts as a natural barrier between the Hornsby and Wahroonga areas and there is little affinity between suburbs on either side of Pennant Hills Road. That fact is recognised in the boundaries between the Federal seats in the area. I, in common with many Westleigh residents, draw no services from the Wahroonga/Kuringai area and rarely visit that area.

There was a redistribution some years ago where Westleigh was placed within the Epping district. This led to a feeling of disenfranchisement due to the centre of gravity of the Epping district and lack of sensible linkages between Westleigh and the Epping area. Fortunately this was reversed and Westleigh was moved back to the Hornsby district.

There is also a serious inconsistency between the proposal to move Cherrybrook to the Hornsby district and Westleigh to Wahroonga. Westleigh is far closer to the various parts of the Hornsby district than is Cherrybrook due to road systems. In fact, a Cherrybrook resident would have to drive (or take a bus) through suburbs now being placed in the the Wahroonga district to get to other parts of Hornsby should this proposal be enacted.

We do not want to be part of an electoral district where we do not feel a part of the area and do not logically fit. Westleigh would be better represented by elected officials from the Hornsby district.

My recommendation is that Westleigh remain within the Hornsby district.

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